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It has been proposed to connect the Atlantic cable with the electrical apparatus at Jackson Park and at a given moment to have President Cleveland, standing in full view of the audience at the exposition grounds, and King Alfonso, surrounded by the royal family at Madrid, press electric buttons simultaneously. Cleveland's wishes have not been consulted in this matter, but nobody doubts that he would willingly share with the young monarch the honor of opening the Columbian Exposition.

BRUSSELS, March 7th.

A telegram from one of the Congo State expeditions to Kalanga says it has discovered the point where the Luvuvu river, the outlet of Lake Tanganyika, joins the Luvuvu river.

This discovery gives solution to an interesting geographical problem, for the junction of these two waters of the Congo is the beginning of the true Congo. The point of junction has never been fixed, though it has been vaguely indicated on information given by Arab traders.

LONDON, March 8th.

Sir Edward Clarke delivered the opening address to-day in behalf of Baron Howard de Walden in the suit for divorce against his wife. Lady Blanche, on the ground of adultery. The time of the court having heretofore been devoted to stating evidence in her ladyship's favor for a judicial separation, on the ground of cruelty, Sir Edward pointed out that no act of violence had occurred, according to the testimony, since 1876, whereas it was proposed to establish to the satisfaction of the court that her ladyship committed adultery with Captain Winter in 1892 at Blythe. It was also proposed to prove her ladyship had been guilty of adultery with Count Jean de Madrie at Bournemouth, also in London in 1890 and at Pau in 1891, Count Jean being master of the Foxhounds at Pau. It would also be shown that De Madrie visited her ladyship in London.

The Conservatives have unanimously decided to move as an amendment to the motion for a second reading of the Home Rule Bill that it be read six months hence.

PARIS, March 8th.

The first hearing of Proust and his colleagues, implicated in the Panama canal corruption business, gives results which public curiosity expected. The hearing lasted from 11 o'clock this morning until 6 p.m. Charles de Lesseps had decided to tell all he knew, and he did so. The whole session was taken up with his examination. He showed his relations with Dr. Cornelius Herz and the late Baron Reinach. The intervention of Clemenceau, Freyhet and Floquet was also proved. Therefore, the general opinion is that the political careers of these three statesmen are ended.

De Lesseps defended himself admirably. He spoke with surprising facility and explained with consummate art the ramifications of his successful financing.

It is expected that to-morrow we shall hear revelations of the very highest importance. It is quite plain that there exists some secret which Dr. Herz is concerned, but nobody wanted to mention it until now. Yet the truth will come out to-morrow in the examination of the other accused persons. The whole weight of the discussion, however, will be borne by De Lesseps.

Charles de Lesseps first sketched briefly his duties in the Panama Canal Company and retold the story of how the money of the company was expended to subsidize papers and to induce bankers to do business with it. The judge asked when he had paid 600,000 francs to Cornelius Herz.

De Lesseps responded: "M. Herz told me he had great influence with the Government. We did not feel that we could afford to ignore or offend him; he was too powerful. (We appealed to the law we should come to grief. The financiers said: 'Unless you pay money to all the banks under the influence of Girardin, you will have all the newspapers in Paris against you.' We still held out against such methods. The newspapers attacked us, and we were finally driven to pay out enormous sums right and left and were encouraged by the Government."

"Leave the Government alone," called Judge Desjardines sharply. Slight applause and a storm of protest from the audience greeted this admonition.

Judge Desjardines asked, "How did you come to be introduced to M. Reinach?"

"A friend of the Minister of Works told Fontaine that the Minister was ready to introduce the lottery loan bill, but would require a certain large sum to defray the expenses. I advised M. Fontaine not to deal with him. Afterwards Fontaine saw Reinach, who said to me: 'I am against the measure. When I learned of this I said to M. Fontaine, "Well, send for this gentleman then." The gentleman was M. Reinach. He demanded for M. Reinach 1,000,000 francs, 375,000 francs being paid down. The bill was then introduced."

When questioned as to his dealings with Baron de Reinach, De Lesseps said: "I paid him large sums to meet the expenses of the issue. All the financiers imposed heavy demands upon us. While the negotiations were pending an ordinance officer came to me to say that De Freyhet wanted to see me. I went to see him, and he said: 'M. de Lesseps, there is a question of a suit against you, to be brought by Baron de Reinach. That would be very annoying. See now how you can settle the matter.' As a result of my visit to De Freyhet I raised my offer to Baron de Reinach from 1,000,000 to 1,500,000 francs, which he accepted. Subsequently M. Floquet said to me: 'Why do you not pay that money to Baron de Reinach? If I were you I would do so.'"

Questioned as to his relations with Arion, the lobbyist, De Lesseps said: "I had no direct dealings with the man. He came to me with Reinach as the representative of Arion. They said I could render M. Floquet a great service by setting aside 300,000 francs for purposes which he would indicate. The next day I met M. Floquet, and he said if I could not make the sacrifice his feelings toward the company would not be changed. I thought it would not be prudent to refuse to do such an honorable gentleman a service. (Laughter.) When the time for settlement came Arion brought from M. Floquet a request in reference to the payments to the newspapers. As I did not wish to give more than 300,000 francs, however, I declined to do business in such a way. I told Arion I would send the bonds, marked in the corner with the letter 'F,' and when the total should reach 300,000 francs the expenditures on this account must cease." (Loud and prolonged laughter.)

"All this was before the voting on the bill," asked the judge.

"Certainly," replied M. de Lesseps.

The trial was then adjourned until to-morrow.

WASHINGTON on February 15, 1892, between the Canadian delegates and Blaine.

The following portion, which relates to reciprocity, is the Canadian version: Blaine said he could understand why Canada was reluctant to enter into a treaty of unlimited reciprocity, but no other arrangement would suit the United States, and it must be accompanied by discrimination in favor of the United States, especially against Great Britain, which was America's great competitor, and it must be accompanied by the adoption of uniform tariff for the United States and Canada equal to that of the United States.

Unless these points were conceded, Blaine said, there would be no security on one hand, from smuggling along the border line of over 3000 miles or of maintaining the present protective policy of the United States.

Blaine added: "We would expect to have Canadians to compete with us in manufacturing, but no one else."

A treaty for natural products alone, he added, could not be discussed.

#### NEWS AND GOSSIP.

Paula actresses wear paper lace. Portugal leads Europe in illiterates.

In the Austrian Army suicides average 10,000 a year.

The sentiment in favor of Protection is said to be making rapid progress in England.

An immense agricultural congress, with over 4,000 delegates, is in session at Berlin.

France has decided to put three instead of two regiments in her infantry battalions.

The floods at Brisbane and other parts of Queensland caused a loss of £1,000,000.

Visiting cards of sheet-iron, with inscriptions in silver letters, are now produced in England.

The "Brotherhood of Minor Poets" is the name of a recently formed society in England.

London has twelve square miles of streets brilliantly illuminated by means of electric lights.

A Russian officer, Captain Smoloff, has succeeded in training falcons to carry dispatches.

The musical horses are the latest attraction in Paris. They play several instruments with their feet.

A single row of pearls as large as pens and perfectly round, were sold recently in Paris for \$150,000.

The actresses whose portraits sell best in London are Ellen Terry, Sarah Bernhardt, and Ada Rehan.

There is an electric railroad twenty-seven miles long in the Tyrol, in the mountains, in Switzerland.

During her visit to Florence, Queen Victoria will occupy the Villa Palleri, where Boccaccio once lived.

The Manchester ship canal will certainly be finished this year if the present rate of progress be maintained.

It is a prospect of early legislation in the Australian Colonies designed to put a practical veto on immigration.

The Chinese Government will send out an expedition shortly to extend its telegraph system through to Kashgar.

It is reported that there was a falling off in the value of both the imports and exports of France during 1892.

It is proposed to hold a grand national exhibition in Geneva in 1896, on the model of the Zurich Exposition of 1893.

Richard Schell and Johann Wagner, of the Vienna Art Academy, were frozen to death while on an excursion in the Alps.

"Scotch whisky," made in Germany, is being largely imported into India. The wholesale price, delivered, is 6d a quart bottle.

The Chinese Government has appointed a Minister Resident in the Pamir, who will rank with the Minister Resident in Tibet.

There are about 5,300 miles of railway in Sweden, of which 1,760 miles belong to the State and 3,540 to private companies.

The Mont Blanc Observatory is practically complete, and will be placed in position as soon as the parts can be carried to the summit.

Coal of an excellent quality and in large deposits has been discovered at Djibell-Eboof-Feyaz, in the district of Zor, in Asia Minor.

The new treaty which has been made between Venezuela and Colombia is the first step toward a Triple Alliance which is to include Ecuador.

Since the great earthquake of 1891, 1,110 and 3,026 shocks have been experienced in Nagoya and Gifu respectively, two provinces in Japan.

Two members of a bicycle club at Granada, Spain, recently had a duel on bicycles, which resulted in the death of one of the participants.

The canonization of Christopher Columbus is again being urged on the Pope, who does not consider the great explorer worthy of the honor.

Police Inspector Wachter of Berlin, having been officially admonished for misconduct, was so chagrined that he committed suicide by hanging himself.

The sick in Great Britain have some chance of being taken care of in a proper manner. There are 20,000 trained nurses in England, Ireland and Scotland.

The New South Wales Legislative Assembly, like the Victorian Legislature, has adopted a resolution in favor of the taxing of absentees owners of property.

Works for the improvement of the Lower Danube are making satisfactory progress, especially since American boring machines have been brought into operation.

English ironmasters are astounded at the fact that the Germans are sending steel into the centre of England at prices against which the native workers cannot compete.

Peter Charpentier, founder of the Order of the White Fathers, who was born in France in 1844, has been appointed to succeed the late Cardinal Lavigne as Primate of Africa.

Arrangements have been made in London to transport to Chicago, for use at the World's Fair, seven English coaches and sixty horses, together with professional drivers and guards.

The telephonic connection between Sweden and Denmark across the Sound, from Malmö, on the Swedish, to Copenhagen, on the Danish coast, will, in all probability, be shortly accomplished.

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JAMES A. LOWSON, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 7th April, 1893. [399]

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DURING my Temporary Absence from the Colony Mr. W. A. DUFF has been appointed ACTING SECRETARY from this date.

By Order of the Board. W. H. WALKER, Secretary. Hongkong, 4th April, 1893. [418]

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